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CLEANING WOOD FURNITURE

Take care of your furniture. It will:

- Last longer
- Look nicer

DUSTING

A clean dust cloth picks up more dust.

Old clothes make good dust rags. Cut off all the buttons, hooks and eyes, zippers. These are rough and will scratch.

How to dust:

- Sprinkle some water on the cloth. A damp cloth will pick up dust instead of merely pushing it around.
- Start at the top of each piece of furniture and work toward the bottom.
- Dust the sides and legs of tables and the rungs of chairs. Get into all the corners.
- Use a soft brush to dust carving and cane or wicker furniture.



Fig. 1

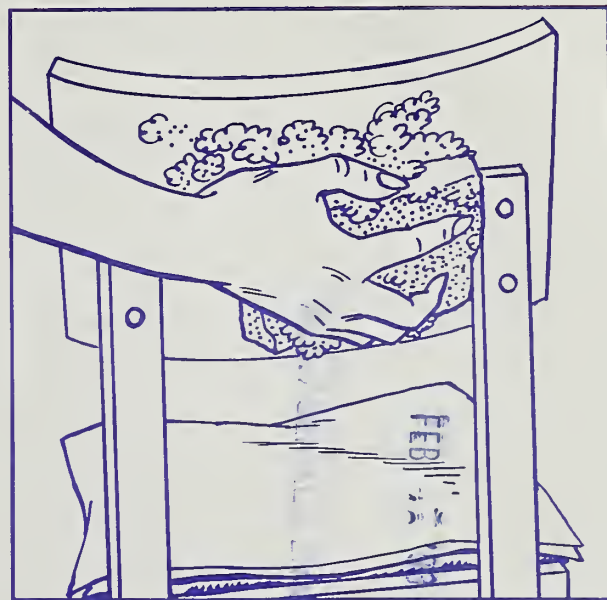


Fig. 2

WASHING FURNITURE

Dust the furniture before you wash it. Wipe off dirt and fingerprints with a damp cloth. Dry the furniture immediately with a clean, dry cloth.

To get rid of stubborn dirt and grime, you may have to use a little detergent and water. Do it this way:

- Protect the upholstered parts of the furniture with a cloth or plastic. (Fig. 1)
- Fill a pan with warm water. Add mild detergent—the kind you use for dishes. Use 1 tablespoonful in 1 quart of water. Make lots of suds.
- Use a clean sponge or soft cloth for washing. Pick up some of the thick suds off the top of the sudsy water. Don't let the sponge or cloth get dripping wet. (Fig. 2)
- Use the sudsy sponge or cloth to wash the furniture. Wash a small area at a time. Work quickly. Do not use much water. Work from left to right or top to bottom, NOT in circles.

- Wipe off all the detergent with a clean damp cloth.
- Dry immediately the area you have washed. Use a clean, dry cloth.
- Then move on to the next area; wash, rinse, and dry it.

CLEANING VERY DIRTY FURNITURE

Wood furniture may get very dirty if you use much wax or furniture polish, or if the furniture is not cleaned often. To remove dirt, wax, and furniture polish:

- Dip a small clean cloth into a small dish of turpentine or mineral spirits. Wring the cloth until it is almost dry. (Fig. 3) **DO NOT** let turpentine or mineral spirits get on upholstery, rugs, or floors.
- Clean a small area of the furniture at a time. Cover an area about the size of a saucer.
- Then rub with a clean, dry cloth.
- Keep on doing this until the whole piece of furniture is clean.



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

WAXING AND POLISHING

You may want to wax your furniture. Use a wax labeled, "For use on wood furniture." A little wax will protect the furniture and make it shine. Do not use too much. **BE SURE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS** on the bottle or can. (Fig. 4) Many waxes and polishes clean as they are put on.

CLEANING PAINTED WOOD FURNITURE

Dust and wash it like other wood furniture. Do *not* use turpentine to clean painted furniture. Wax the furniture if you want to. On light colored painted pieces use a white creamy wax. On medium or dark painted wood furniture use any wax suitable for wood. Wax only once or twice a year.

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